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THAT IS CONNECTED TO A SHUNT

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.143

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 16,
2005, setting forth a requirement for restriction.

The Office Action restricts the present invention to one of
the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a shunt; and
Group II: Claims 18-33, drawn to a catheter cleaning system
& method.

To expedite prosecution on the merits, Applicant hereby
elects invention Group II, directed to Claims 18-33, for

prosecution on the merits in this application. Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application to invention Group I.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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